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Dr. Maxine Singer  
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Dear Dr. Singer:

Donald Fredrickson has been nominated for a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellow Award. I am writing you to ask for an evaluation of his work. First, can you tell us what Fredrickson has achieved and set it in the context of other work in the field so that we can judge the extent of his creativity and imaginativeness? Second, could you compare him for us with others in the same or comparable fields who are at the same stage of their careers? Finally, what is Fredrickson likely to achieve (with or without an award), and would an award increase the probability that his work will be significant?

You will note from the enclosed description of this program that we ask our nominators to submit names of individuals of especially high promise and accomplishment, regardless of age, affiliation or public recognition. Our hope is that awards will free these persons from some of their obligations and permit them to make fuller use of their talents.

This inquiry is strictly confidential. Your response will be used only to help our Selection Committee evaluate the nominee.

Allow me to thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Shullenberger".

Paul Shullenberger  
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